


Appendix B1 – Overview – Fred Norbury

 <p>February 18 – 20, 2003 Leesburg, Virginia</p>	<p>Introduction to the Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are we proposing to change the 2000 planning rule? • What are we proposing to change? • Where does this workshop fit in?
<p>Key Improvements in the 2000 Rule, Compared With 1982 Rule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability • Science • Collaboration • Objections Process 	<p>NFMA Planning: How Costly Is It?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 125 Plans • 5 to 6 years to revise a plan • 40 to 50 revisions underway at all times • \$5 to 10 million per revision • \$1 billion over the next decade
<p>Key Changes in the 2002 Draft Rule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science • Collaboration • Objections • NEPA Documentation • Planning Levels • Diversity 	<p>NFMA Diversity Requirement</p> <p>To “provide for diversity of plant and animal communities based on the suitability and capability of the specific land area in order to meet overall multiple-use objectives and...to the degree practicable...preserve the diversity of the tree species similar to that existing in the region controlled by the plan...”</p>

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<p>Provision for “diversity” as required by NFMA is one of the most perplexing issues dealt with in the draft regulations. We believe it is impossible to write specific regulations to “provide for” diversity. We believe the interdisciplinary team should treat diversity as a major concern throughout the planning process and any changes in diversity should be identified and justified.</p> <p>Committee of Scientists May 4, 1979</p>	<p>Comparing the Costs of the 2000 Rule and the 2002 Draft Rule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Average cost per plan under the 2000 rule: \$13 million.• Average cost per plan under the 2002 draft rule: \$9 to \$9.5 million.• Costs are reduced by about 30%.
<p>Objectives of This Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help us understand the strengths and weaknesses of the two options outlined in the 2002 draft planning rule.• Help us determine whether there is some other approach to compliance with the statutory requirement that we should consider.	